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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowability dated October 5, 2007, 2007, consideration of the following comments are respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance." The Applicants respectfully traverse these Reasons. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. The Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claims, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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